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There was much debate in the Parliament concerning a matter of privilege, for that several of the servants of the members have been arrested contrary to the privilege of the House. Two that offended in this manner were to-daj brought to the bar, the first whereof was one Mr Christopher Kennell that served a *subpoena* on Sir Edmund Morgan. Mr Kennell said in his defence that he was, though poor, a gentleman born and well known to the House, nor would he wilfully commit such an offence, having himself been sometime a member of the House. Further, he protested that if there be either honesty or Christianity in him, he knew not that Sir Edmund Morgan was a member of the House, for as soon as he heard it he went to Sir Edmund's house to make an atonement with him, and while he was so doing the Sergeant came in and there arrested him, which arrest he most willingly obeyed. Wherefore he asked the House to have consideration of his eighteen years service of her Majesty. The other, one William Mackerells, being a poor simple fellow, could say nothing for himself, but only that he knew not Mr Pemerton (upon whom he had served a *subpoena*) to be a member of this House, no not for his life. So the Sergeant was commanded to remove them forth.

Then Sir Edmund Morgan said that the gentleman was of good desert, sort and carriage, and did not, so he thought, know him to be of this House. Wherefore, in regard of his person and good service done to her Majesty, he prayed that the offence might be as freely remitted by the House as by himself. Which speech was marvellous well liked by the House.

Mr Pemerton, being asked what he could say whether Mackerells knew him, answered ay, and that his man had told him Further that Mackerells was a very knave, and therefore he would not entreat favour, but let him have the justice of the House Which speech was generally mishked as churlish

So Mr Kennell and Mackerells were brought again to the bar, and after their offences laid open by the Speaker, he said it pleased the House to have so favourable consideration of their offences that they should only have three days imprisonment in the custody of the Sergeant and pay him their fees